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Applicants:	Roger Lacasse, <i>et al.</i>	
Serial No.: 09/815,857	Conf. No.: 5808	Filing Date: March 23, 2001
Title of Application:	Filter Device For Filtering A Liquid	
Group Art Unit: 1723	Examiner: Marianne S. Ocampo	

Box RCE
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in connection with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), filed herewith, and in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 14, 2003.

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April 10, 2003

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